

26. Struck by Lumber

A 58-year-old employee of a lumber mill died after calling in sick and later being taken to the hospital. The victim worked as a Lumber Puller taking individual boards off a conveyor and stacking them on rollers in packs according to their grade. The packs were then banded together and taken to the lumber yard by a forklift. During the investigation, a co-worker reported that the victim told him he had been hit by a lumber pack being moved by a forklift. The co-worker, nor any of the other five employees working in the Grading Yard, witnessed any incident involving the victim. The victim did not report any incident to his supervisor or employer. The victim last worked on a Thursday, but called in sick on the following Monday and Tuesday, the day management became aware that he was in the hospital. He passed away four days later. The investigation could not conclusively determine that a workplace injury contributed to the death of the victim.

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